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**Top dog:** "Mitzi" poses with her trophy after taking "Best of Show" honors at the League's annual pet show (see story on p. 10).

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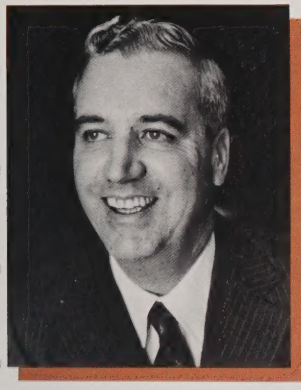


Arthur G. Slade, *President*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Pulling Together in Times of Crisis

The article on page 4 of this issue brings to mind the good-hearted cooperation and dedicated support that comes forth at times of great urgent need for the welfare of animals.

From the moment we learned that some of our counterparts in the Midwest were in desperate need of assistance in rescuing animal flood victims, I had no shortage of staff volunteers who were willing to go in a moment's notice to help in what had to be an unpleasant, exhausting, and at times risky operation.

Terrie Bierig-Neyland and Alan Borgal, who were chosen to go to the flood region, as well as other staff who were anxious to take part, viewed it as "a chance of a lifetime." And once again, you, our members and friends, responded with gifts of pet supplies, food, and generous donations.

I think this reaction typifies the attitude of humane society workers and concerned citizens everywhere. The American Humane Association and other national groups know from lots of past experience that they can count on member organizations throughout the country to come forward to help whenever a crisis arises. In fact, many organizations, including the League, offer their help without being asked. When I called the AHA and said, "What can we do to help?" the events described by Terrie and Alan on page 4 were the result. Just to know that friends at other organizations are concerned and willing to help is great for everyone's moral support. When the floods first struck and I spoke to my counterpart in St. Louis and asked if there was anything we could do to help, they were in stable condition and handling the crisis, but he has since told me that our call meant so much at a time of stress and strain. "It was great to know people were thinking of us and sharing our problems" was his comment.

I can recall the same feeling in the time of the huge blizzard of 1978. It was truly heartwarming and reassuring to have several humane societies from other states call the League to see if we needed help. They were prepared to send personnel, equipment, and supplies to the maximum of their ability.

Fortunately, major disasters do not occur too often, but it is crucial to have a network of trained, professional workers who can be sent swiftly and effectively to a stricken area. We found this to be true last year when we sent Bob Walsh and Thom White to Florida to assist in the rescue of animal victims of Hurricane Andrew.

The key in these situations is "Trained Personnel" because at times of crisis it is essential to have humane professionals arrive on the scene quickly to evaluate the rescue needs and be available to direct the activities of any volunteers. We at the League are dedicated to being a part of such a program and support the concept of planning and preparedness for such emergencies.

These are not inexpensive projects, but in our view they are some of the most rewarding and worthwhile in the true sense that "Kindness does, indeed, uplift the world." At this writing, we are still sending supplies and pet food to some of the most hard-hit areas in the aftermath of the floods. It is because of the continued financial support of our members and friends that we are able to provide such vital, practical, and direct hands-on relief to animals in crisis.

# FLOODED WITH RELIEF

*by Terrie Bierig-Neyland*

We had rushed to make the plane and cut our timing so close that we literally had to run to the boarding gate. We felt exhilarated all through the long flight from Boston to St. Louis, Missouri; it felt almost like a vacation . . . until we flew over St. Louis. "That is where the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers meet," explained an elderly man seated next to Alan Borgal and myself as he pointed out the window at a huge, lake-sized body of water surrounding the city. We peered out the window and saw highway exit ramps disappearing into water, the tips of rooftops peaking from the "lake" and the submerged outlines of what used to be crop-filled farm land. Our smiles quickly faded as we were reminded that our purpose for coming was to help flood victims — this trip would not be a vacation.

When Arthur Slade, League president, asked for staff volunteers to assist in the American Humane Association's (AHA) emergency relief effort for flood victims in the Midwest, Alan and I jumped at the opportunity. It had been difficult for both of us to watch the disaster unfold on the television and not be able to help in a hands-on manner. Now we had the chance and we were anxious to get started. From St. Louis we flew to Burlington, Iowa and then drove to the AHA command center in Fort Madison, Iowa. Once there, Curt Ransom, field staff associate for the AHA, updated us on the relief efforts and assigned us a "territory." We were to travel up and down the Mississippi River along our territory and deliver supplies as well as assess the needs of animals, animal shelters, and pet owners.

We arrived at the command center bright and early on our first full day in the Midwest. Large vehicles were in short supply at the rental centers because so many families were moving their households to higher ground. We were fortunate to have the use of a van on loan from the Hamilton County SPCA in Cincinnati which we filled to the brim with dog food, cat food, cat litter, and disinfectant. We checked in once more with Curt to review our territory on the map and then set off toward Missouri. Our plan was to visit the towns situated alongside the river in Missouri and Illinois within our assigned area and locate the local relief center or animal shelter.

We drove to Hannibal, Missouri first which was the southernmost point of our territory. We planned on crossing the river into Illinois and working our way north to the command center. We drove along the highway toward Hannibal

*These puppies were found on the roof of a flooded farm house in Hull, Illinois.*

*lyn Guidion, Northeast Missouri Humane Society, greets Alan Borgal as he ıds pet food donations.*

and all we saw was corn and soybean crops and cows. We did not see any flooding. We did not see any stranded pets and just as we were starting to doubt the need for our services we rounded the corner into the Northeast Missouri Humane Society.

The Northeast Missouri Humane Society is a small, one-story animal shelter which houses dogs and cats, operated by a handful of dedicated staff. We introduced ourselves to the shelter manager, Marilyn Guidion, and explained the purpose for our visit. "We can use all the help we can get down here and bless your hearts for coming all the way from Boston to help us," she exclaimed. Ms. Guidion proceeded to describe the devastation just miles down the road where the whole of East Hannibal had been swallowed by the swelling river, hundreds of homes were lost, and even more people displaced. Many animals had died but many more had found their way into the welcoming arms of this shelter. There were flood dogs resting in cages in the office and many more in the runs out back. New pens were being constructed with AHA-donated materials and they were so committed to the survival of these animal flood victims that they had more than fifty pets placed in foster homes in the hope they might still be reclaimed. The shelter needed everything and we knew that each donated item would be put to good use there.

We said our goodbyes to Marilyn and promised to be back with more supplies in a couple of days. Setting off to cross the river toward East Hannibal, we discovered that a town described as "totally underwater" truly meant just that. When we reached the bridge we needed to cross to enter Illinois we were facing the town of East Hannibal but all we saw was water as far as the eye could see — no town, no houses, not even a telephone pole. The muddy flow of the Mississippi River was hiding the destruction under several feet of water. Nothing on the news at home prepared us for a sight like that. We felt sick for the loss the residents had suffered and sad for the animals that had died and the others that were still trapped in trees and on levees. From that point on we never again doubted the need for our services.

We logged four hundred miles a day that week delivering pet food and supplies and we became experts at locating alternate routes to badly damaged towns. If one road was blocked we tried another and another until we gained access to the target area. It was in the smallest and hardest-hit towns that we had our best and worst experiences. Annada, Missouri was where Alan discovered a large population of hungry cats, kittens, ducks, geese, chickens and three dogs left behind in a flood-ravaged neighborhood. We fed all the animals and then, after meeting the owners of the pets, supplied them with a large supply of food. It was also there that we found a large portion of the population of this devastated town out on the highway that ran through Annada. The highway was impassable due to the flood but that did not stop the residents from hosting a cookout there. We could not believe it — they even had their dogs out there with them to enjoy the festivities. Most of the people we met no longer had a home and didn't know if they ever would again but they were determined to keep their families together and that included their pets. The spirit of these people was indicative of what we saw all through our week in the flood area where residents refused to be beaten by the catastrophe.

Among the many people and pets we met and gave assistance to that week, certain moments stand out. For example there was William Rousan of Louisiana, Missouri whose dog was tied beside him as he cleaned the debris from his yard. When asked if there was a need for pet food and supplies in the area he responded with, "Well ma'm, most of us here are out of work now and we all have dogs. We sure could use some food for them." We left all we had at the Red Cross center in town. There was the camp in Wayland, Missouri where pet owners were staying in trailers and tents because they would not be accepted at local shelters with their animals. In that camp was a man who was risking a $10,000 fine by boating on the river each day to bring food to animals stranded on levees and rooftops. We supplied him and the other camp residents with ample amounts of pet food. We will never forget Jerry from Quincy, Illinois who helped us unload a large supply of pet food at the Salvation Army relief center and then took us on a tour of the areas we needed to supply. He had been working for weeks, non-stop, as a volunteer and despite his exhaustion he took the time to show us the way to people that needed help even more than the Quincy residents.

Alan and I met many true heroes during our stay in the Midwest and Glen Sanders of the Illinois Conservation Police ranked right up there at the top of the list. He had helped res-

*(Continued)*

*These buildings collided after being uprooted by flood waters.*

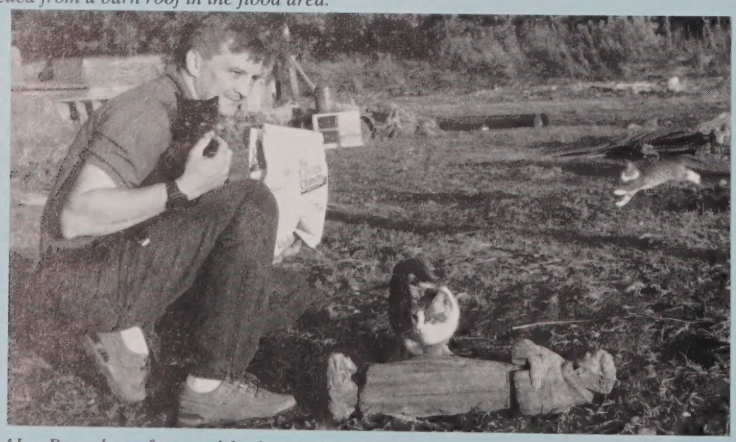
cue more than 200 animals at the Pike County checkpoint where he was stationed. He was also finding homes for a steady stream of cats and kittens he was plucking from trees and rooftops. Officer Sanders and Officer Scott Wright took us out in an air boat on the Pike County flood area which was situated eight miles from the banks of the river. We boated over miles and miles of farm land that could be taken for a huge lake if it were not for the occasional silo, telephone pole, or barn roof jutting from the water. We were able to rescue a very thin, weak and frightened coyote pup which had been stranded atop logs for weeks, saw floating dead livestock, chased some uncooperative guinea hens along a rooftop, checked another location in response to a kitten sighting and scanned a levee for what Officer Sanders described as "an extremely fast chicken." No animal was too small or difficult for him to rescue.

The last day of the trip came too soon for our liking but we had to go home despite the feeling that we had so much more to accomplish there. We loaded the van one last time and drove straight to Northeast Missouri Humane Society where we kept our promise to return with more supplies. After we unloaded the supplies into Marilyn Guidion's responsible care, we snapped some photos and began our goodbyes. Marilyn hugged Alan and I tightly and thanked us and the League for our help. An older woman who sat with her dog, in a car, in the parking lot at the shelter caught my eye and waved me over. "I saw you here the other day," she started, "I just had to tell you 'thanks' from everyone in this town. You will never know what this has meant to us."

The flood is hardly mentioned in the news here at home but the people and pets of the Midwest are still living in a disaster every day. Officer Sanders tells us the water has risen again in Pike County, Illinois and Marilyn Guidion reports that their pet numbers will triple again this month and animals still trapped among the debris throughout the flood areas struggle to survive. Everyone we met in the towns we visited expressed shock that "you came all the way from Boston just to help us" and with each handshake and smile shared we gave assurance they were not forgotten in this disaster. Since our return the League has received many generous donations for the flood relief effort. We have sent additional supplies to the Northeast Missouri Humane Society, Officer Sanders and our other contacts in the flood area and we will continue to support them in any way we can. Alan and I will never forget our experience during the "Flood of 1993" and we were never more proud to represent the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

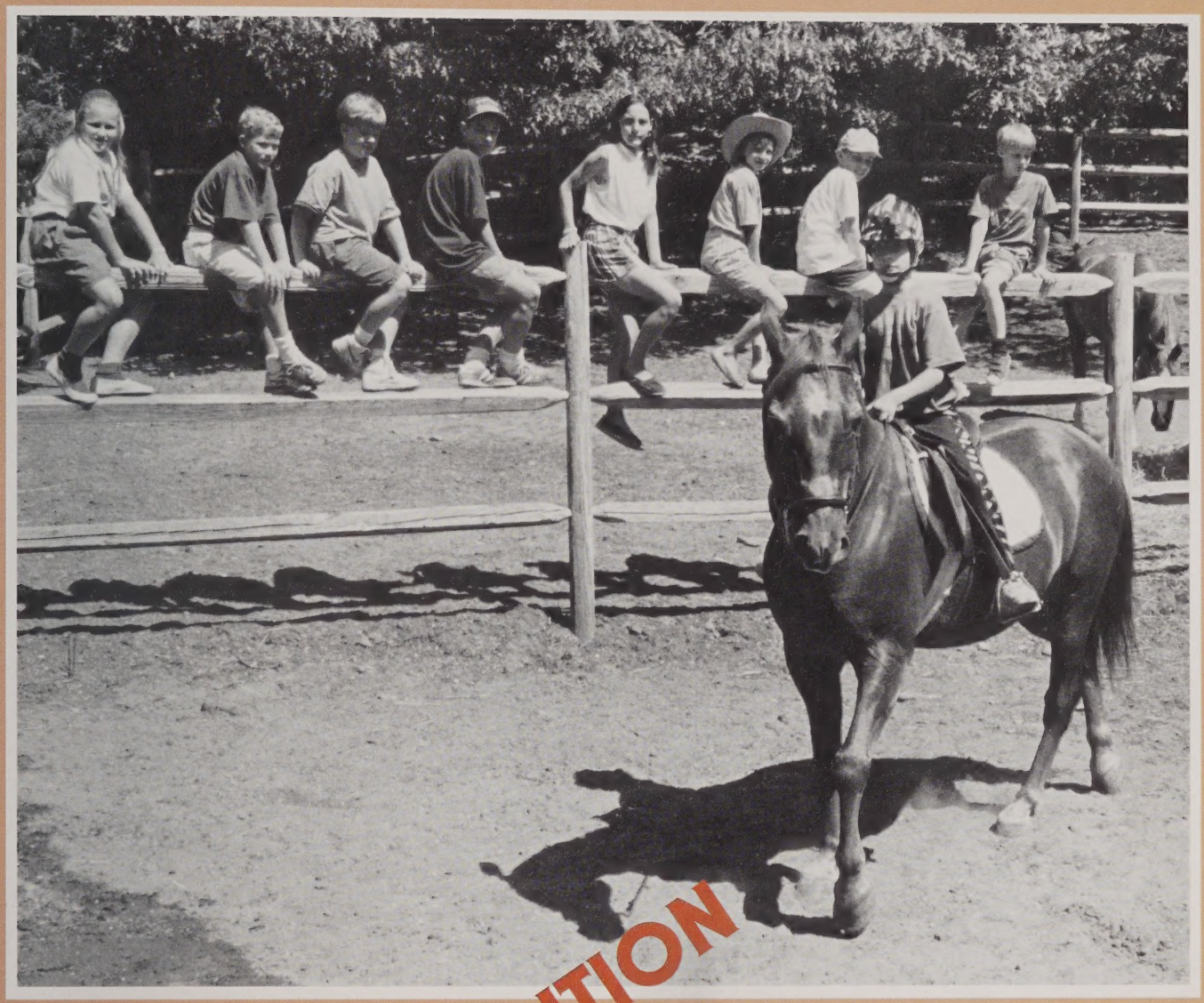
*Glen Sanders, Illinois Conservation Officer, with "Hank Fraser," a kitten he rescued from a barn roof in the flood area.*

*Alan Borgal and Terrie Bierig-Neyland during a stop in Missouri to deliver much-needed pet supplies.*



*Alan Borgal comforts and feeds cats left behind after the flood.*

*Glen Sanders hands a net up to Alan Borgal and Terrie Bierig-Neyland who are roof to catch hungry guinea fowl. Scott Wright photographed their efforts.*



*Anna Roger, 8, demonstrates one of the many new skills learned at the Animal Friends Summer School.*

# A SUMMER TRADITION

by Mike Howard

The summer of 1993 held many new experiences for the campers as well as the counselors at the Animal Friends Summer School. Located on Squeteague Harbor in Cataumet, Massachusetts, the camp was started in 1947, and since has served as an entertaining and educational activity for the children of the Upper Cape, and for vacationing children from other areas as well.

From June 28 to July 16, the camp opted to offer a full-day session instead of the usual two half-day sessions of previous years. During the full-day session, the campers would take two different classes, as opposed to one during the half-day session. Although quite unlike anything the camp had done previously, the program was a terrific success. The remaining four weeks were split into half-day sessions. *(Continued)*

*Mike Howard is a counselor and served as an assistant director of the Summer School.*

# Animal Friends Summer School

The first session also tested a new activity called "Hobby Time," where the campers could try an activity that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. Taught in a loose, class-like format, "Hobby Time" offered an alternative to a camper not interested in the regular activity which could be anything from a tame round of "duck-duck-goose" to an exciting game of "Steal the Bacon." There was a tremendous variety of hobbies offered in 1993. These were fun with science, team sports, model rocketry, kitemaking, gardening, jewelrymaking, dance, music, animal first aid, dog obedience, and drama.

For one hour each day of the week, the campers attend classes on the subject of their choice. This summer, twelve classes were offered. Ocean Ecology, taught by Dave Cronin and Johanna Rodrigues, is the camp's water bound class. Whether the activity is a shorewalk on Lawrence Island, a boat trip into Buzzards Bay, or a search for strange creatures, this class is always popular.

In photography, Ethan Howard shows the campers many of the techniques involved with owning a camera and developing your own pictures. Monday and Tuesday are spent roaming the camp, searching for that special picture. The rest of the week is spent developing the negatives and making prints to take home on Friday.

Puppetry was another popular class. Donna Dibona's class was always busy making puppets out of paper bags, socks, and papier-maché. This class kept everyone smiling. In the afternoon, Donna taught Pet Therapy. Every day the group would pile into the camp's van and head to a local nursing or retirement home. Here the campers show off their favorite pets and brighten the days of many people.

*Ben Ford, 8, gathers breakfast straight from the source.*

*Lilly the cow obliges with a close-up for budding photographer Kyle Kinney, 9 (above), and enjoys a snack courtesy of Erica Hedge, 9 (below).*

In Group Adventures, Peter Capraro teaches the children about teamwork, trust, and goals. Activities range from a scavenger hunt to scaling a ten-foot wall. Members of this class can always be seen climbing through trees, searching the camp for the clues for Friday's big hunt, or doing "group juggling."

On the farm, Candice Carr shows the proper care and handling of the goats, sheep, ducks, chickens, pigs, and the camp cow, "Lilly." Every Friday, the campers make ice cream and play "farm trivia."

The other class taught on the farm is Horses. Kim Goncalvez begins the week by giving instruction on horse safety. During the middle of the week grooming and saddling are taught. The reward for all of the hard work is on Friday, when the children ride the horses.

Candlemaking is a class which almost every camper takes at one time or another. The four types of candles that are made are chunk candles, ice candles, dip candles, and sundae candles, which serve as colorful re-

minders of camp when the season ends.

Cailin Galvin has taken the Care of Small Pets to a new level. She shows the proper care of gerbils, guinea pigs, birds, and dogs. This year there was also instruction on the care of iguanas, frogs, salamanders, turtles, and lizards. This was a class that all young pet owners wanted to take.

One camper said that it was easy "to get all tied up in Macrame." Marianne Prior showed how to make bracelets, anklets, and necklaces using simple pieces of rope. Although this is only the second year that this class has been offered, it is always in demand.

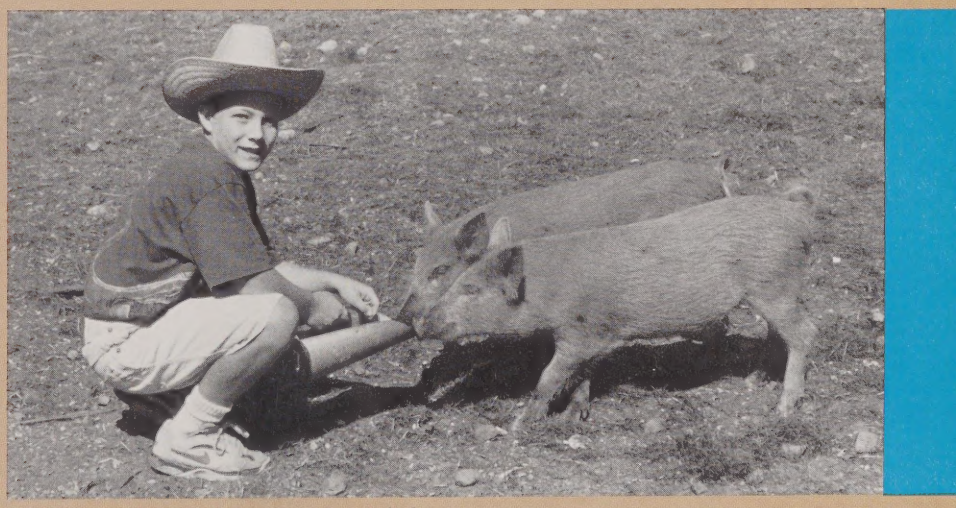
A week in Arts and Crafts with Alissa Anderson covers a lot of ground. Children make hot plates out of tiles, mold clay, and make wind chimes out of sticks, shells, and string. These projects ensure that the camper will remember their stay at camp.

Located on the edge of the water is the woodshop, my domain. On Monday, I discuss the proper use of tools, and safety in a workshop. The rest of the week is used to make one of three projects. These are the bunny basket, the bookshelf, and the toolbox. After four days of sanding, cutting, and nailing, everything is finished, and the camper heads home with a project and a new knowledge of woodworking.

While class time is the most interesting part of the day, song time is definitely the loudest. Everyone heads into Baxendale Hall and sings a variety of songs, while doing the accompanying hand motions. Sports & juice break gives the campers time to participate in one of six different sports, or to head into the library to check out a book. Every day there is a "Special Event." At this time, the campers hear about a variety of careers and hobbies. These range from animal rehabilitation to K9 dogs to Cape Cod Canal rangers.

Although 1993 brought many changes, it was one of the best years ever. The new schedule proved exciting and fun, there were many new activities, and there was so little time! Soon, seven weeks were done, and the summer was coming to an end. But campers, take heart! Camp opens again next June for another year of fun and excitement.

*Eve Cunningham, 9, hitches a lift from Dennis Chambers, 12.*



*Ben Johnston, 9, makes friends with the two little pigs.*

*Kaempf, 8, delivers lunch to a group of hungry goats.*

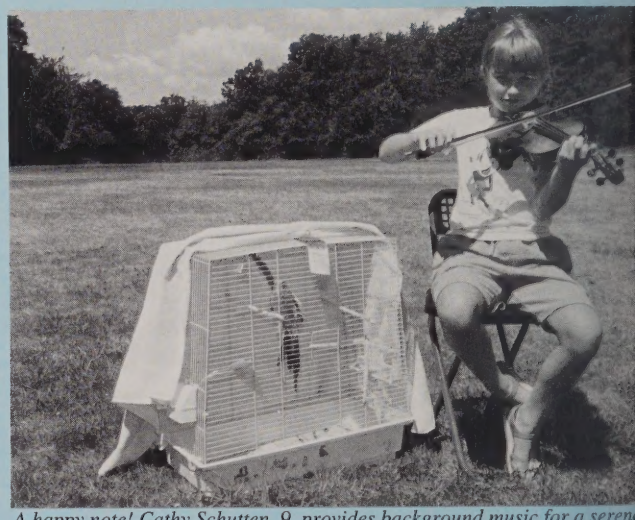
*Melanie, 5, and Sean Quinn, 6, make a special delivery to the farm animals.*

# PET SHOW '93

"You're number 1 with me," Joanna Messer, 7, assures her puppy "Charlie," who won a second prize at the League's pet show, July 24.

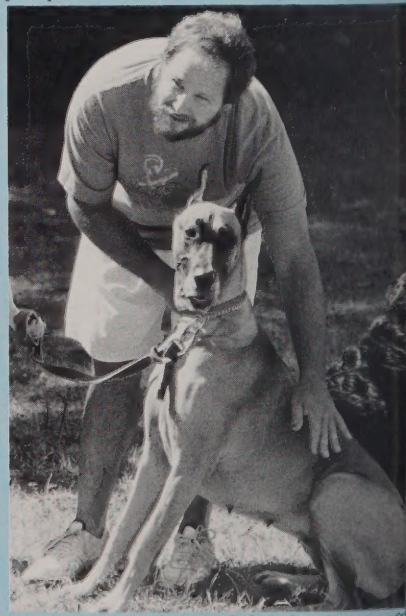
"And the winner is . . ." Blue ribbon winner "Abby" relaxes with owners Chris, 9, and Kara Monahan, 11.

"One final word of advice . . ."



A happy note! Cathy Schutten, 9, provides background music for a seren by her cockatiel who won first prize in the miscellaneous pet category.

"Aussie" visits with his cheering section after capturing a blue ribbon in the boy dog competition (l to r): Joseph Devaney, Allison Donovan, Meredith and Amy Devaney.



"Now you get in there and show 'em your stuff

amp! Rachel Richards, 13, hugs Best of
r "Mitzi" (also pictured on the cover
phy).

"I can't bear to look . . ."

"You would be a winner, but there's no category for us!"

Kevin Maikath, 12, tries to coax "just one more wag" out of "Skeeter" who obliged by winning "Best Tailwagger" title.

leo" gets a hug from owner Teague Campbell, 8,
r winning a second prize red ribbon.

"Don't let success go to your head!" "Stripes" gets a boost from owner Matthew Deitch, 7, after the guinea pig placed second in the miscellaneous pet match.

# A Veterinary Update:

## What Bugs Bunnies?

*By Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M.*

Friendly and gentle, with mild dispositions, domestic rabbits make excellent pets, but do require proper care for their health and well-being.

Rabbits can live indoors or out, but they do need protection from drafts, dampness and sudden changes in temperature. For outdoor rabbits, an adequately sized shelter, or hutch, is vital. Depending on the size of your rabbit, which can vary from the two-pound Netherland Dwarf to the fourteen-pound Flemish Giant, the hutch should be at least four or more feet long, two or more feet wide, and two feet high. It should be elevated above the ground to protect your pet from dampness, rodents and wild animals.

Cleanliness is crucial. The bottom of the cage should be lined with sawdust, wood shavings, hay or straw which should be changed daily. Clean the hutch with disinfectant at least twice a week. Indoor rabbits can be trained to use a litter box, which should be cleaned and disinfected on a similar schedule.

Commercial rabbit pellets are the best main diet source for your pet, supplemented by carrots, spinach, cereals, cabbage leaves or lettuce once a week. Go easy on the greens, however, because they can cause diarrhea. Keep fresh, cool water available at all times, and provide a piece of wood or chewy for gnawing. A rabbit's teeth grow throughout its life, and can cause difficulty in eating and drinking if normal tooth length is not maintained by chewing on hard objects, plus an occasional trim by a veterinarian.

Rabbits need exercise and proper handling by their human caretakers. You can let your pet roam about in an enclosed area, or even leash-train it using a cat harness. The correct way to pick up a rabbit is to grasp the loose skin behind the ears (over the shoulders) with one hand, while placing the other hand under the rump to support the animal's weight.

Be sure to consult a veterinarian if your rabbit is sneezing, a symptom of a rabbit ailment known as "snuffles" which can lead to pneumonia, or shaking its head or scratching its ears frequently which may indicate the presence of ear mites.

Other common health problems to be alert for include:

- Moist dermatitis, or wet dewlap, a skin inflammation which can occur if the heavy flaps of skin on the rabbit's neck repeatedly get wet and soggy when it drinks water. Your veterinarian can treat this condition by clipping the hair, and employing antiseptics and/or antibiotics.
- Hair chewing and hairballs, caused by a rabbit's constant grooming, become a problem if excessive hair accumulates in the digestive tract causing a blockage. A high fiber diet will help prevent this.
- Heat exhaustion, which can occur in hot, humid weather, particularly if the hutch is poorly ventilated. An affected rabbit will lie on its side, and breath rapidly. The animal should be immersed in a bucket of cool water to reduce body temperature.
- Hutch burn, an inflammation and infection of the anal and genital area caused by wet and dirty hutch floors. Antibiotic ointment can be used to treat this condition, but the best cure is prevention by keeping the hutch scrupulously clean and dry.

# WANTED:

## HOMES FOR SMALL PETS

To most people, the words "homeless animals" immediately conjure up the image of appealing puppies and kittens, or forlorn, abandoned older dogs and cats. They might be surprised to learn that many humane society shelters, in any given week, are also caring for scores of small, miscellaneous pets that have been lost, abandoned, or given up by their owners.

In the past year alone, the League has found homes for 213 miscellaneous animals, ranging from rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, finches and parakeets to the occasional chinchilla, parrot and even snakes.

These small animals, especially guinea pigs and rabbits which are friendly, affectionate and can be handled, can make ideal first-time pets for children. Finches, canaries and parakeets also make excellent companions for adults who might lack the time, energy or space to care for larger animals.

If these pets are so easy to care for, why do people give them up? Boston shelter manager Paula Ouimette cites lack of responsibility on the part of parents, and failure to anticipate the particular animal's special needs and habits as the major reasons for failed adoptions. "The biggest mistake people make is to buy an animal on impulse to pacify their children, and then fail to enforce agreements on care of the pet. They bring the animal to a shelter with the excuse that 'my kids won't take care of it,' but fail to recognize the fact that they were the ones responsible for ensuring that their children live up to their obligations to the animal."

"People need to understand that even so-called 'low-maintenance' pets often call for extreme patience," she points out. "A bird, for example, requires patience to train and handle, can be loud and messy, and will entail cleaning up scattered feathers and seed."

Having realistic expectations is the key to a long-lasting relationship with a small pet. "We actually had an owner turn in two birds to one of our shelters because 'they tweet and they fly,'" she recalls.

Each of these small animals has special habits and needs, so it makes good sense for anyone considering adoption to learn as much as they can about the animal in advance, before making a choice.

Hamsters and guinea pigs are probably the easiest pets to care for, but prospective owners should be aware that the nocturnal hamster makes noise at night and can be a talented escape artist. Guinea pigs are very vocal and social, but they do get lonely. For this reason, it's a good idea to adopt guinea pigs in pairs. Because they are extremely prolific, pairs should be of the same sex; however, in the event that anyone winds up with two of the opposite sex, male guinea pigs can be neutered.

Rabbits make great pets and can be kept either outdoors or as house pets. Rabbits kept outdoors need an appropriate shelter, with three enclosed sides, high off the ground. They can acclimate gradually to the cold, but not to snow, wind and heavy rain, so they should be brought inside to a garage or shed in the event of a storm. Indoors, rabbits can be litter-box trained, but care should be taken to "rabbit-proof" the house. The League strongly recommends spaying or neutering rabbits, which prevents not only unwanted offspring, but also certain health problems in females and aggressive behavior in males. (For more information on rabbit health care, see the article on the opposite page.)

Rabbits, as well as guinea pigs and gerbils, need to have their nails trimmed, and will require hard things to nibble on, like carrots and chew sticks, to keep their teeth trimmed.

Pet birds also need to have their nails trimmed, as well as their beaks. Anyone who plans to allow a pet bird out of its cage should ask a veterinarian about trimming the bird's flight feathers, which will keep it from flying out an open window. Many of the birds that come in to the League are pets that have taken flight and gotten lost. For free-flying pet birds, the jeopardies of freedom include predators, as well as a high risk of respiratory infections.

Most of these small, miscellaneous pets can be adopted from the League for an adoption fee of $5.25. If you phone your nearest shelter in advance of a visit, the staff will be happy to tell you what kinds of animals are currently on hand in need of homes.

*A League staff member demonstrates the gentle handling required by guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils and other small animals.*

# NEWSFRONT

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

## CRIME FIGHTING CLASS

League law enforcement officer Dianne E. Begonis accepts a certificate recognizing her successful completion of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council's course for reserve or intermittent police officers, conducted at the Northeast Regional Police Institute.

## NEW TITLES AND DUTIES FOR TWO LEAGUE VETERANS

Thomas H. White, a member of the League staff since 1983 and director of operations since 1988, has been appointed to the newly created post of director of criminal investigation and legislative services. In his new position, he will be responsible for humane legislation activities, law enforcement, legislative and criminal justice, training and research in these areas. He will also coordinate interaction between the League and state and local police departments and organizations, the court system, legal representatives, and animal control officers and organizations.

At the same time, Robert G. Walsh, a staff member since 1981 and manager of the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham since 1988, has been appointed director of operations, responsible for the overall supervision of the League's four shelters, including adoption, ambulance and rescue service, and lost and found programs.

## MISPLACED MULE

The League's Salem shelter was host to an unusual guest this summer, a mule that was found wandering the streets of Lynn. Here League staff member Kelly MacQueen gets acquainted with the stray after it was apprehended by Lynn police officers on Manning Road at 4:15 in the morning. After an overnight stay at the League, the animal was claimed by its owner, a Salem resident who had inadvertently left a gate open, giving the errant mule an opportunity to wander.

## A DUTCH DATE FOR BOSNIAN BEAR

The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) reports that the captive brown bear rescued in Bosnia this spring by WSPA agents and British troops is now settled in a new home in Holland. WSPA campaign director Victor Watkins accompanied the animal, together with a female bear companion, on a four-hour flight July 29 from Croatia to its permanent home at the Bear Forest in Rhenen, Holland, a sanctuary opened earlier that week by the International Bear Foundation. The rescued bear has been named "MacKenzie," after Canadian General Lewis MacKenzie, who led UN forces in Bosnia last year.

## NEW LAW MANDATES CARRIAGE HORSE PROTECTIONS

The state legislature passed a bill in August calling for long-overdue regulations governing the operation and care of carriage horses. Under the new law, the Department of Public Safety has been charged with the responsibility of drawing up a body of protective regulations by January 1, 1994. The legislation was sponsored by Senator James P. Jajuga (D) of Methuen, and Representative Paul E. Caron (D) of Springfield.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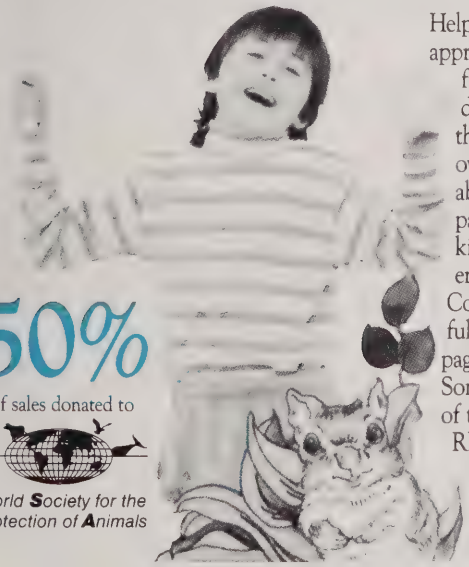

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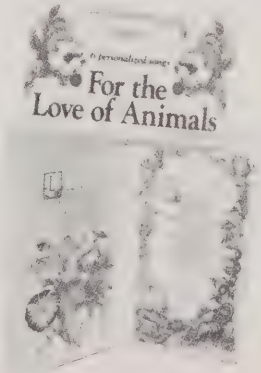


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# FOR THE BIRDS!

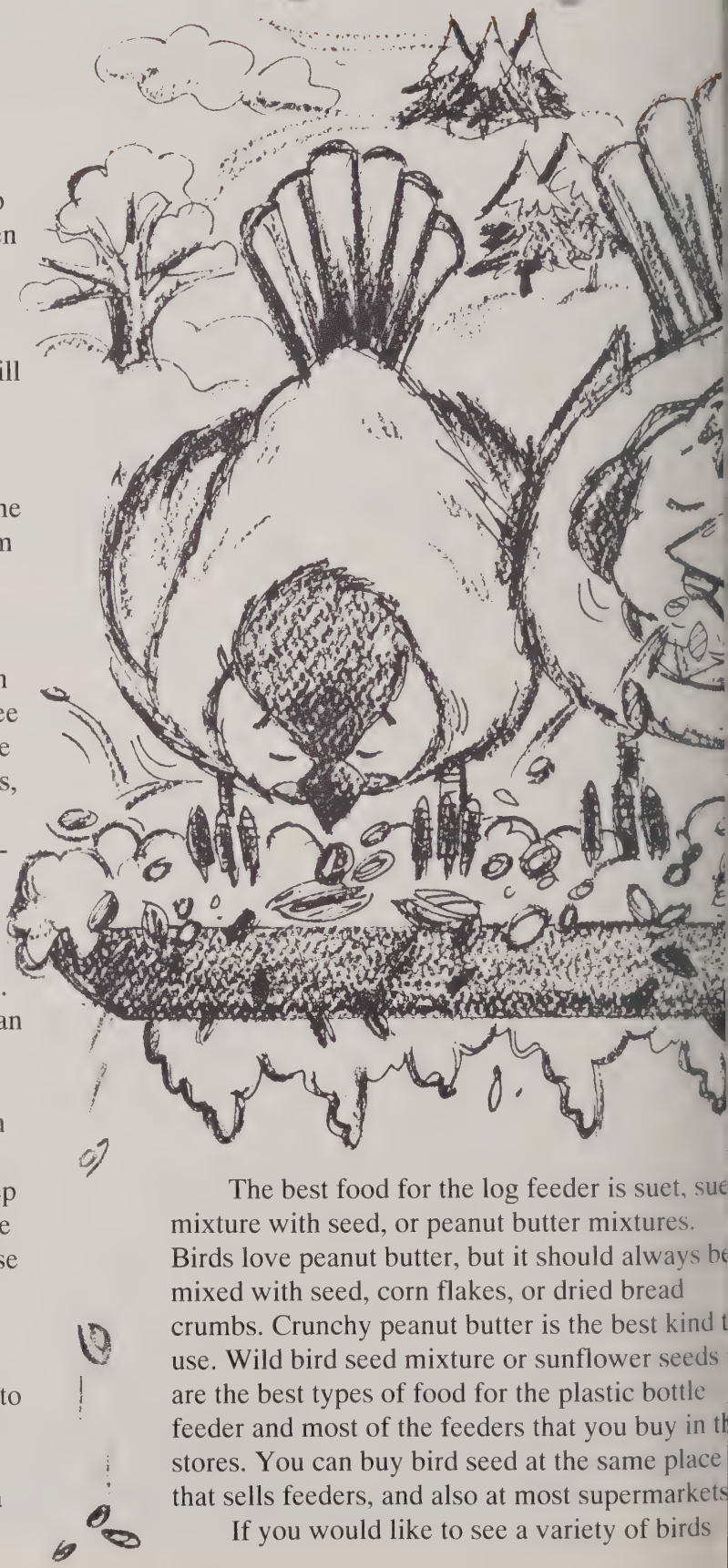
Wild birds need food during the upcoming winter and one special and fun way you can help them is by setting up a bird feeding station. When it snows or rains, or the ponds freeze over, the wild birds that you see around where you live sometimes have trouble finding food or water.

No matter where you live, the wild birds will find your bird feeder if it is placed outside in a spot that is easy to see. If you live in an apartment, there are bird feeders that attach to a window. These are lots of fun because the birds come right up to your window and you can watch them eat, but they can't see you, so they won't get scared and fly away.

If you live in a house with a backyard, you can put up many different kinds of feeders — on top of a post, or on a deck, or hanging from a tree branch. If you want to buy a new bird feeder, the best places to find them are feed and grain stores, garden centers, and hardware stores. Feeders come in all shapes and sizes, and at many different prices. You and your family can buy a good bird feeder for about ten dollars.

You can also make a bird feeder by recycling most anything you find around your home. Clean, empty plastic milk or detergent bottles can be changed into bird feeders or water stations very easily. Simply cut openings in the plastic bottles so the birds can eat the food you place in it. Don't cut the hole too close to the bottom of the bottle because you need to have sides to keep in the bird food. You can then tie a piece of rope or wire to the bottle handle, and then you can use this to hang it from a branch or plant hanger.

Another type of bird feeder you can make, with a little help from an adult, is a log feeder. Take a small log and drill ½-inch-deep holes into it, that are about an inch wide. You should also drill smaller holes through the log and insert sticks in them; this will provide the birds with a place to perch while they eat.



The best food for the log feeder is suet, sue mixture with seed, or peanut butter mixtures. Birds love peanut butter, but it should always be mixed with seed, corn flakes, or dried bread crumbs. Crunchy peanut butter is the best kind t use. Wild bird seed mixture or sunflower seeds are the best types of food for the plastic bottle feeder and most of the feeders that you buy in th stores. You can buy bird seed at the same place that sells feeders, and also at most supermarkets

If you would like to see a variety of birds

# FRIENDS

it your home, you should set up two different
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ned for food, birds also like cracked corn,
eat, all kinds of seeds, nuts, berries and baked
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Please remember that once you start feeding
ır new bird friends during the winter, you must
ays keep food in your feeder. The birds learn
depend on you and, without the food, they
ld go hungry.

There are a few things to think about when you are placing your feeder. One is wind direction. Which direction does the wind blow from most of the time? It usually comes from the north during the winter. Try to place your feeder out of the wind if possible, or if the feeder is in an open place, have the back of the feeder face the wind. This way, the feeder will serve as a shield to protect the birds from the wind, and will keep blowing rain or snow from getting inside the feeder and getting the food wet. Feeders that are placed near shrubs and trees help give birds a hiding place close by if an enemy should happen by. But don't place the feeder too close to other branches, or the house, where squirrels can climb up and into the feeder. Squirrels will just sit inside the feeder and eat everything, and leave nothing for the birds. You can help feed the squirrels and chipmunks by spreading food on the ground for them.

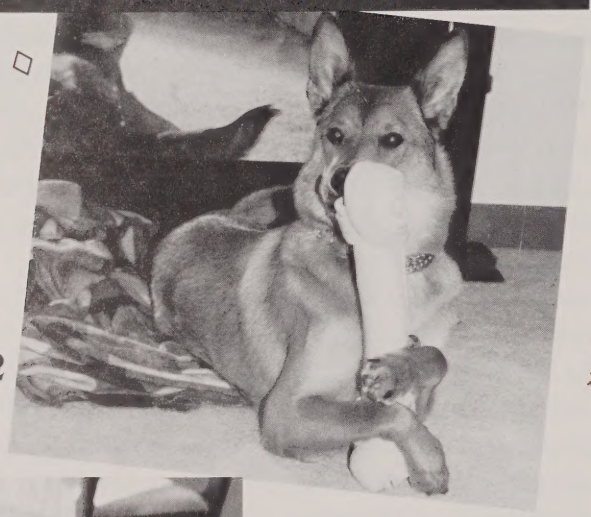
Keep your feeders full of food well into the spring. By then it will be easy for the birds to find natural foods for themselves.

If your parents plan to plant new trees, shrubs or flowers in the spring, ask them to buy types that will help our feathered friends. Some kinds of trees provide food and shelter, such as maples, oaks, birches, cedars, dogwoods, crabapples, ash, pines, and spruce trees. Good shrubs to plant are blueberry, blackberry, elderberry, huckleberry, mulberry, bayberry, junipers and bittersweet.

There are lots of books about birds that are fun to read. Bird guide books can be used to identify the different kinds of birds that visit your feeder. Each page has pictures or photos of different birds. Place the guide book near a window close to the feeder. Make a list of all the different birds that come to visit. If your family has a pair of binoculars, place them near the window too. That way you can get a good close look at your feathered visitors without scaring them off.

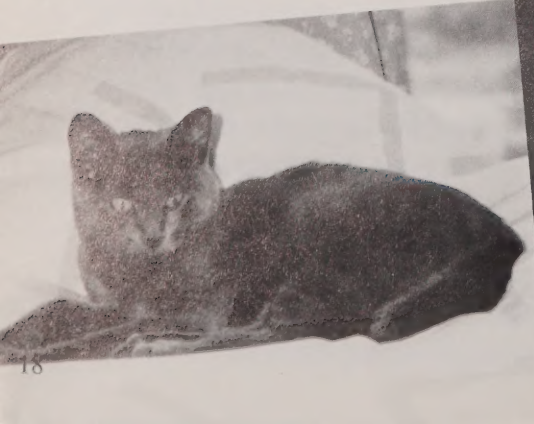
# PETS IN THE PICTURE

**1** "We can never thank you enough for rescuing 'Henry' so that we could adopt him," write Kathy and Steve Chubb of Boston. "He's such a joy to us, and quite an endorsement for the adoption of 'older' cats, as he is 5 years old. We thought you'd like a picture of him, resting in his favorite 'sunning spot.'"



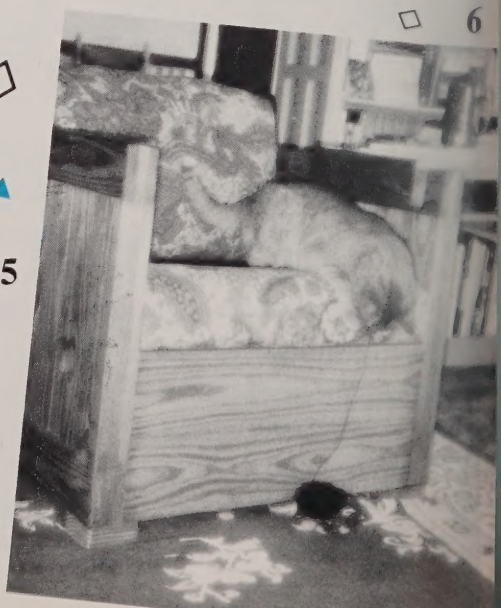
**2** "We love 'Hobbes,' and he loves to be the center of attention," according to Matthew Walsh of Boston, who adopted his pet a year ago at the Boston shelter. "He's a great watchdog with his threatening bark, but we feel he'd probably just lick the robber's face," his owner writes.

**3** "Everyone in the North End knows 'Pasta,' and every day when we make our shopping rounds she is welcomed in all the stores and given treats," writes Fredda Hollander of Boston's North End, who adopted her pet from the League when she was seven months old, and weighed 21 pounds. "Now, ten years later, Pasta is twice that size. She's a real sweetheart, pure terror-terrier personality, and *real* smart!"



**4** "'Zachary' loves his new home, and I love him," writes Patrice Headd of Needham. "He's healthy, very playful and curious. He always perks me up!"

**5** Ruth Smith of Auburndale, who adopted "Mack" from the League's Dedham shelter, describes her pet as "the light of my life." And, she adds, "he is the boss."



**6** "As you can see, 'Joseph' loves his toys," writes owner Tamsey Andrews of Allston. "He is very interactive in play, and communicative. I hope these photos of my happy, healthy, wonderful cat help to cheer you up on those bad days when it must seem that cruelty and neglect are all that animals can expect in life."

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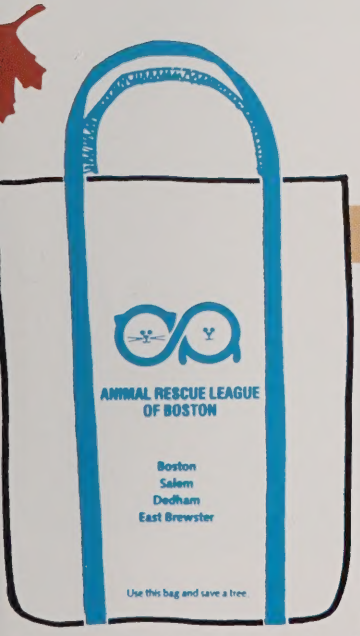


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